

DELTOTE BANKIANA F.: SILVER BARRED (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) IN KENT. — A single male of this pretty species was taken in the m.v. light trap on the night of 12th/13th June, 1980 in Kingsdown near Deal. I think it likely that my example was an immigrant, since a rather worn male *Mythimna albipuncta* D. & S. was taken the same night. — A. P. FOSTER, 31 Kings Close, Kingsdown, Deal, Kent CT14 8BA. [This is only the fourth record of occurrence of *D. bankiana* in Kent. The first was at Folkestone in 1965, then one at Dungeness in 1970 and one at Dymchurch in 1977. — J. M. C.-H.]

HELIOTHIS PELTIGERA D. & S. AND RHYACIA SIMULANS HUFNAGEL AT PORTLAND, DORSET. — When Brian Elliott and I visited Portland on 21st June, 1980, conditions were such that we did not expect much success from m.v.l. and, in the event, the only moth of note was a female *Heliothis peltigera* to complement a worn male I had taken at the same spot on 18th June. The strong wind, however, did not deter moths from feeding and many were enjoying the valerian bloom, amongst which we were delighted to be able to log over 30 *Rhyacia simulans*, mostly in good condition. Although Portland is a well-known locality for this species, we cannot recall it having been noted here before in such numbers. — R. G. CHATELAIN, 65 East Drive, Orpington, Kent.

FURTHER NOTES ON THE LARVAL HABITS OF ERIOGASTER LANESTRIS L.: SMALL EGGAR (LEP.: LASIOCAMPIDAE). — In *Ent. Rec.*, 1967:79:85-86 I wrote of the larval habits of this species as they were known to me at that time. Since then there have been various notes expressing concern that *lanestris* was on the decline, and that to some extent the changing agricultural pattern regarding machine hedge trimming was to blame. In the good old days only a certain amount of time and labour could be expended on hedge trimming by hand and the system of rotation which had to be adopted meant that many hedges were only cut and laid every five or six years. The advent of mechanical hedge trimming seemed to coincide with the reports of the disappearance of *lanestris*, and on many farms, hedges are now cut every year leaving no long growth. Thus, *lanestris* would be badly affected, since it prefers to oviposit on top of side shoots of hawthorn, blackthorn, rose or bramble.

In June 1976 I met John and Dee Simner who keep me informed of the status of *lanestris* in their district. At one time the webs could be easily spotted from a moving car, but of the several webs found lately all were in fairly thick hedge and not so easy to see. Thus, it is possible that nowadays more webs are overlooked because of this habit. — R. W. WATSON, F.R.E.S., Watson Trust for Entomology, Porcorum, Sandy Down, Boldre, Lymington, Hants.

CURIOUS CASE OF A DWARF PHLOGOPHORA METICULOSA L. BRED FROM A DAMAGED PUPA. — While my wife was gardening she found a pupa under a stone on our rockery. Somehow the trowel caught the pupa and seemingly punctured it